

MoU/MoA**Triparty MoU signed among IISWC, Eco-Task Force, and Uttarakhand Van Panchayat Vikas Samiti**

Dehra Dun, 16 June 2016. Triparty MoU was signed among Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, 127 Eco-Task Force and Uttarakhand Van Panchayat Vikas Samiti to conduct an action research project in Jaunsar Tribal Region of the middle Himalayas (Lakhwar) of Uttarakhand to improvise soil working techniques for enhancing tree establishment under rainfed condition, and developing improved tree planting techniques.

This region suffers from degradation problems like, deforestation and high soil erosion. The Director (IISWC) explained about the necessity and role of forest trees in soil and water conservation and highlighted the issues of drying of springs and the climate change. Col. Rana



talked about rehabilitation work of Eco Task Force and said that development of new tree planting techniques would be helpful in expanding forest cover in Uttarakhand. Shri Tomar also stressed upon women empowerment for forest management.

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